

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/708,685
Response to Non-Responsive Amendment and
Supplemental Amendment filed May 7, 2007
Reply to OA dated March 9, 2007

REMARKS

As indicated above, this is a Response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment, the Notice being dated March 9, 2007, and a Supplement to the Amendment filed December 6, 2006. It is believed that this Response is fully responsive to the Notice mailed March 9, 2007.

In response to the Examiner's comments on claims 22 and 38 in the March 9, 2007 Notice, the applicants have amended these claims in order to incorporate therein the allowable subject matter of claim 4. Thus, claims 22 and 38 should now be similarly allowable. Accordingly, please enter the amended claims filed herewith, and please favorably consider the remarks submitted herewith in support thereof.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, the claims as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

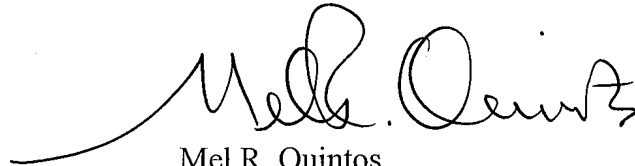
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below in order to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/708,685
Response to Non-Responsive Amendment and
Supplemental Amendment filed May 7, 2007
Reply to OA dated March 9, 2007

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMSTRONG, KRATZ, QUINTOS,
HANSON & BROOKS, LLP



Mel R. Quintos
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 31,898

MRQ/lrj/ipc

Enclosure: Petition for Extension of Time

Atty. Docket No. **040127**
Suite 1000
1725 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 659-2930



23850

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE